

Quantitative Types

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Quantitative Types

Topic of this course

non-idempotent intersection types

a.k.a. **quantitative types**

a.k.a. **multi-types**

a.k.a. **tensor types**

Comparison (in one slide)

“Typical” type systems

- ▶ guarantee properties of programs (typable \implies has property P)
- ▶ capture qualitative properties of programs
(termination, productivity, deadlock-freeness, ...)
- ▶ each fragment of a program is typed exactly once
- ▶ type inference is decidable (useful for static analysis)

Quantitative type systems

- ▶ characterise properties of programs (typable \iff has property P)
- ▶ capture quantitative properties of programs
(reduction length, size of the normal form, # memory accesses, ...)
- ▶ each fragment of a program is typed zero, one, or more times
(as many times as it is used in runtime)
- ▶ type inference is undecidable (but they are useful as models)

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Failure of subject expansion

Consider the following interpretation in the **simply typed** λ -calculus:

$$\llbracket t \rrbracket = \{A \mid \vdash t : A\}$$

Does $t =_\beta s$ imply $\llbracket t \rrbracket = \llbracket s \rrbracket$? We require:

- ▶ Subject reduction: $t \rightarrow_\beta s$ and $\vdash t : A$ implies $\vdash s : A$.
- ▶ Subject expansion: $t \rightarrow_\beta s$ and $\vdash s : A$ implies $\vdash t : A$.

Failure of subject expansion

Does $\vdash p\{x := q\} : A$ imply $\vdash (\lambda x. p) q : A$?

Problem: $p\{x := q\}$ may produce **zero, one, or more copies** of q .

$$(\lambda x. \text{id}) \quad \Omega \rightarrow_\beta \text{id}$$

???

$$(\lambda x. x x) \quad \text{id} \rightarrow_\beta \text{id} \quad \text{id}$$

???

$A \rightarrow A \quad A$

Idea: the identity on the left could be typed with $(A \rightarrow A) \cap A$.

Syntax

TERMS $t, s, \dots ::= x \mid \lambda x. t \mid t s$

TYPES $A, B, \dots ::= \alpha \mid \{A_1, \dots, A_n\} \rightarrow B \quad (n \geq 1)$

- ▶ $\{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$ is a non-empty **set** of types.
- ▶ Intuitively, it represents a finite *intersection* $A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_n$.

Typing rules of $\lambda_{\cap}^{\text{CD}}$

$$\frac{}{\Gamma, x : \{A_1, \dots, A_i, \dots, A_n\} \vdash x : A_i}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : \{A_1, \dots, A_n\} \vdash t : B}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x. t : \{A_1, \dots, A_n\} \rightarrow B}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : \{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\} \rightarrow B \quad \Gamma \vdash s : A_1 \quad \Gamma \vdash s : A_2 \quad \dots \quad \Gamma \vdash s : A_n}{\Gamma \vdash t s : B}$$

Example

Let:

- ▶ $\text{id} = \lambda x. x$
- ▶ $A = \{\alpha\} \rightarrow \alpha$
- ▶ $B = \{A\} \rightarrow A = \{\{\alpha\} \rightarrow \alpha\} \rightarrow \{\alpha\} \rightarrow \alpha$

Then:

$$\frac{x : \{A, B\} \vdash x : \underbrace{\{A\} \rightarrow A}_B}{x : \{A, B\} \vdash x x : A} \quad \frac{x : \{A, B\} \vdash x : A}{x : \{\alpha\} \vdash x : \alpha} \quad \frac{x : \{A\} \vdash x : A}{\vdash \text{id} : A}$$

$$\frac{x : \{A, B\} \vdash x x : A \quad x : \{\alpha\} \vdash x : \alpha}{\vdash \lambda x. x x : \{A, B\} \rightarrow A} \quad \frac{}{\vdash \text{id} : B}$$

$$\vdash (\lambda x. x x) \text{id} : A$$

“Finitistic” polymorphism.

Note: $\lambda x. x x$ is SN but not typable using simple types.

Theorem (Characterisation of Strong Normalisation)

The following are equivalent:

1. **Typability.**

There exist Γ, A such that $\Gamma \vdash t : A$ holds in $\lambda_{\cap}^{\text{CD}}$.

2. **Strong \rightarrow_{β} -normalisation.**

There are no infinite reduction sequences $t \rightarrow_{\beta} t_1 \rightarrow_{\beta} t_2 \dots$

Note: connection with denotational semantics

- ▶ Any Scott \mathcal{D}_{∞} model can be described as a filter model \mathcal{F}^{TT} for some intersection type theory TT.
- ▶ In a filter model, $\llbracket t \rrbracket = \{A \mid \vdash_{\text{TT}} t : A\}$ holds for closed t .

For a survey, see Barendregt et al.'s *Lambda Calculus with Types* (2010)

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Linear Logic

Girard (1987)

Sequent calculi usually include **structural rules**:

WEAKENING

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta} \text{LW}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta} \text{RW}$$

CONTRACTION

$$\frac{\Gamma, A, A \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta} \text{LC}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A, A, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta} \text{RC}$$

EXCHANGE

$$\frac{\Gamma_1, A, B, \Gamma_2 \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma_1, B, A, \Gamma_2 \vdash \Delta} \text{LX}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \Delta_1, A, B, \Delta_2}{\Gamma \vdash \Delta_1, B, A, \Delta_2} \text{RX}$$

Linear Logic

- ▶ **Resource-aware** logic.
- ▶ No weakening: $(A \otimes B) \multimap A$ is not a theorem.
- ▶ No contraction: $A \multimap (A \otimes A)$ is not a theorem.
- ▶ **Exchange**: contexts can be understood as **multisets** of formulae.
(Not completely equivalent).
- ▶ Intuitively, each hypothesis must be used exactly once.

MLL (Multiplicative fragment)

FORMULAE $A, B, \dots ::= \alpha \mid \bar{\alpha} \mid A \otimes B \mid A \wp B$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \alpha^\perp := \bar{\alpha} & (A \otimes B)^\perp := A^\perp \wp B^\perp \\ \bar{\alpha}^\perp := \alpha & (A \wp B)^\perp := A^\perp \otimes B^\perp \end{array}$$

$A \multimap B$ abbreviates $A^\perp \wp B$.

Contexts (Γ, Δ, \dots) are **multisets** of formulae (implicit exchange).

Inference rules

$$\frac{}{\vdash A, A^\perp} \text{ax} \quad \frac{\vdash \Gamma, A \quad \vdash \Delta, B}{\vdash \Gamma, \Delta, A \otimes B} \otimes \quad \frac{\vdash \Gamma, A, B}{\vdash \Gamma, A \wp B} \wp$$

- ▶ No implicit weakening in the rule ax.
- ▶ No implicit contraction in the rule \otimes .
- ▶ The rule \otimes requires to choose how to split the context.

For example: $\vdash A^\perp, B^\perp, C^\perp, B \otimes (C \otimes A)$.

Definition (Approximation)

A formula in MLL approximates an intuitionistic formula according to the inductive definition¹:

$$\frac{}{\alpha \sqsubset \alpha} \quad \frac{A_1 \sqsubset X \quad \dots \quad A_n \sqsubset X \quad B \sqsubset Y}{(A_1 \otimes \dots \otimes A_n) \multimap B \sqsubset X \rightarrow Y}$$

¹ More precisely: MLL with units and minimal logic.

Theorem (Girard's translation + approximation theorem)

If X is a valid intuitionistic formula, there is a valid MLL formula $A \sqsubset X$.

$$\alpha \multimap \mathbf{1} \multimap \alpha \quad \sqsubset \quad \alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \alpha$$

$$(\alpha \multimap \alpha \multimap \beta) \multimap (\alpha \otimes \alpha) \multimap \beta \quad \sqsubset \quad (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \beta$$

Quantitative type systems embody approximation theorems.

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Head reduction

Remark. Every λ -term is of exactly one of the two following forms:

1. $\lambda x_1 \dots x_n. y t_1 \dots t_m$
2. $\lambda x_1 \dots x_n. (\lambda y. p) q t_1 \dots t_m$

Nomenclature

$\underbrace{\lambda x_1 \dots x_n. y t_1 \dots t_m}_{\text{head normal form}}$

HNF is the set of head normal forms

$\lambda x_1 \dots x_n. \underbrace{s}_{\text{subterm in head position}} t_1 \dots t_m$

$\lambda x_1 \dots x_n. \underbrace{y}_{\text{head variable}} t_1 \dots t_m$

$\lambda x_1 \dots x_n. \underbrace{(\lambda y. p) q}_{\text{head redex}} t_1 \dots t_m$

$\lambda x_1 \dots x_n. (\lambda y. p) q t_1 \dots t_m \xrightarrow{\rightarrow_h} \lambda x_1 \dots x_n. p\{y := q\} t_1 \dots t_m$

t is head-normalising $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} \exists s. t \rightarrow_h^* s \in \text{HNF}$

TERMS	$t, s, \dots ::= x \mid \lambda x. t \mid t s$
TYPES	$A, B, \dots ::= \alpha \mid \textcolor{red}{M} \rightarrow A$
MULTI-TYPES	$\textcolor{red}{M}, \mathcal{N}, \dots ::= [A_i]_{i \in I}$

- ▶ A multi-type is a (possibly empty) **finite multiset** of types.
- ▶ $\mathcal{M} + \mathcal{N}$ is the union of multi-types.
- ▶ A context (Γ, Δ, \dots) is a function mapping variables to multi-types.
- ▶ We use sequential notation to write contexts. For instance:

$$\Gamma = (x : [[\alpha] \rightarrow \beta, \alpha], y : [\beta, \beta, \gamma])$$

is the context that maps:

$$x \mapsto [[\alpha] \rightarrow \beta, \alpha] \quad y \mapsto [\beta, \beta, \gamma] \quad z \mapsto [] \quad \dots$$

- ▶ We assume that contexts are of **finite support**.
- ▶ $\Gamma + \Delta$ is the context defined by $(\Gamma + \Delta)(x) = \Gamma(x) + \Delta(x)$.

System \mathcal{H}

Gardner (1994), de Carvalho (2007)

We have two forms of judgment:

$$\Gamma \vdash t : A \quad \Gamma \Vdash t : \mathcal{M}$$

Typing rules of System \mathcal{H}

$$\frac{}{x : [A] \vdash x : A} \text{var}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : \mathcal{M} \vdash t : A}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x. t : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow A} \text{lam}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow A \quad \Delta \Vdash s : \mathcal{M}}{\Gamma + \Delta \vdash t s : A} \text{app}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma_1 \vdash t : A_1 \quad \dots \quad \Gamma_n \vdash t : A_n}{\Gamma_1 + \dots + \Gamma_n \Vdash t : [A_1, \dots, A_n]} \text{many}$$

- ▶ “Linear logic in disguise”.
- ▶ Rules are multiplicative: no implicit weakening nor contraction.
- ▶ Rules are logically sound w.r.t. the translation to MLL (with units):

$$\underline{\mathcal{M} \rightarrow A} = \underline{\mathcal{M}} \multimap \underline{A}$$

$$\underline{[A_1, \dots, A_n]} = \underline{A_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \underline{A_n}$$

Sometimes instead of:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : [A_1, \dots, A_n] \rightarrow B \quad \Delta_1 \vdash s : A_1 \quad \dots \quad \Delta_n \vdash s : A_n}{\Gamma + \Delta_1 + \dots + \Delta_n \Vdash t s : B} \text{app}$$

many

we write:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : [A_1, \dots, A_n] \rightarrow B \quad \Delta_1 \vdash s : A_1 \quad \dots \quad \Delta_n \vdash s : A_n}{\Gamma + \Delta_1 + \dots + \Delta_n \vdash t s : B} \text{app}$$

This is just a minor abuse of notation.

Example (1)

$$\frac{\frac{x : [[A] \rightarrow A] \vdash x : [A] \rightarrow A}{\vdash \text{id} : [[A] \rightarrow A] \rightarrow [A] \rightarrow A} \quad \frac{x : [A] \vdash x : A}{\vdash \text{id} : [A] \rightarrow A}}{\vdash \text{id id} : [A] \rightarrow A}$$



$$\frac{x : [A] \vdash x : A}{\vdash \text{id} : [A] \rightarrow A}$$

Example (2)

Let:

- $A = [\alpha] \rightarrow \alpha$
- $B = [A] \rightarrow A = [[\alpha] \rightarrow \alpha] \rightarrow [\alpha] \rightarrow \alpha$

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{x : [B] \vdash x : B \quad x : [A] \vdash x : A}{x : [A, B] \vdash x x : A} \quad x : [A, B, B] \vdash x(x x) : A}{\vdash \lambda x. x(x x) : [A, B, B] \rightarrow A} \quad \vdash \text{idid} : A \quad \vdash \text{idid} : B \quad \vdash \text{idid} : B}
 {\vdash (\lambda x. x(x x))(\text{idid}) : A}$$



$$\frac{\vdash \text{idid} : B \quad \frac{\vdash \text{idid} : B \quad \vdash \text{idid} : A}{\vdash \text{idid(idid)} : A}}{\vdash \text{idid(idid(idid))} : A}$$

Example (3)

$$\frac{x : [[\] \rightarrow A] \vdash x : [\] \rightarrow A}{x : [[\] \rightarrow A] \vdash x x : A}$$

$$\frac{\overline{x : [[B] \rightarrow A] \vdash x : [B] \rightarrow A} \quad \overline{x : [B] \vdash x : B}}{x : [[B] \rightarrow A, B] \vdash x x : A}$$

$$\frac{\overline{x : [[B, C] \rightarrow A] \vdash x : [B, C] \rightarrow A} \quad \overline{x : [B] \vdash x : B} \quad \overline{x : [C] \vdash x : C}}{x : [[B, C] \rightarrow A, B, C] \vdash x x : A}$$

More in general:

$$\vdash \lambda x. x x : [[B_1, \dots, B_n] \rightarrow A, B_1, \dots, B_n] \rightarrow A$$

However, $\Omega = (\lambda x. x x) \lambda x. x x$ is **not** typable.

Intuitively, the argument should be typed an infinite number of times.

Example (4)

$$\frac{\frac{x : [[] \rightarrow A] \vdash x : [] \rightarrow A}{x : [[] \rightarrow A] \vdash x \Omega : A} \quad \vdash \lambda x. x \Omega : [[] \rightarrow A] \rightarrow A}{\vdash \lambda y. \lambda x. x y : [] \rightarrow [[] \rightarrow A] \rightarrow A} \quad \vdash (\lambda y. \lambda x. x y) \Omega : [[] \rightarrow A] \rightarrow A$$



$$\frac{x : [[] \rightarrow A] \vdash x : [] \rightarrow A}{x : [[] \rightarrow A] \vdash x \Omega : A} \quad \vdash \lambda x. x \Omega : [[] \rightarrow A] \rightarrow A$$

We shall show that System \mathcal{H} characterises **head normalising** terms.
Three key lemmas:

Lemma 1 (Weighted Subject Reduction)

If $t \rightarrow_h s$ is a head step and $\Gamma \vdash t : A$ then $\Gamma \vdash s : A$.

Moreover, the **size** of the typing derivation decreases.

(The size is the number of inference rules, not counting the many rule).

Lemma 2 (Subject Expansion for head steps)

If $t \rightarrow_h s$ is a head step and $\Gamma \vdash s : A$ then $\Gamma \vdash t : A$.

Lemma 3 (Typability of head normal forms)

If t is a head normal form, then t is typable.

Assuming the lemmas on the previous slide, we have:

Theorem (System \mathcal{H} characterises head normalisation)

The following are equivalent:

1. t is typable in System \mathcal{H} .
2. t is head normalising.

Proof of Soundness ($1 \implies 2$).

- ▶ Let $D \triangleright \Gamma \vdash t : A$ for some Γ, A .
- ▶ Proceed by induction on the size of D .
- ▶ If t is a head normal form, we are done.
- ▶ Otherwise, consider the head step $t \rightarrow_h s$.
- ▶ By Weighted Subject Reduction, there is a typing derivation D' that concludes $\Gamma \vdash s : A$ and such that $\text{sz}(D) > \text{sz}(D')$.
- ▶ By IH, s is head normalising.
- ▶ Hence t is also head normalising.

Theorem (System \mathcal{H} characterises head normalisation)

The following are equivalent:

1. t is typable in System \mathcal{H} .
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Proof of Completeness ($2 \implies 1$).

- ▶ Let $t \rightarrow_h t_1 \rightarrow_h t_2 \dots \rightarrow_h t_n$ with t_n a head normal form.
- ▶ Proceed by induction on n .
- ▶ If $n = 0$, t is a head normal form, so it is typable (by Lemma 3).
- ▶ If $n > 0$, by IH there exist Γ, A such that $\Gamma \vdash t_1 : A$.
- ▶ But $t \rightarrow_h t_1$, so by Subject Expansion $\Gamma \vdash t : A$.

Lemma 1 (Weighted Subject Reduction)

If $t \rightarrow_h s$ is a head step and $\Gamma \vdash t : A$ then $\Gamma \vdash s : A$.

Moreover, the **size** of the typing derivation decreases.

Proof.

- ▶ The head step is of the form:

$$t = (\lambda x_1 \dots x_n. (\lambda y. p) q t_1 \dots t_m) \rightarrow_h (\lambda x_1 \dots x_n. p\{x := q\} t_1 \dots t_m) = s$$

- ▶ It is easy to reduce the general case to the root case ($n = m = 0$):

$$t = (\lambda y. p) q \rightarrow_h p\{x := q\} = s$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} D_1 \\ \hline \Gamma, x : M \vdash p : A \end{array}}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda y. p : M \rightarrow A} \text{lam} \quad \frac{D_2}{\Delta \Vdash q : M} \text{app} \rightsquigarrow \frac{}{\Gamma + \Delta \vdash p\{x := q\} : A} D'$$

- ▶ The property is reduced to a **Substitution Lemma**.
- ▶ The rules on the left (**lam**, **app**) are erased — the size decreases.

Lemma 1' (Substitution Lemma)

Let $D_1 \triangleright \Gamma, x : \mathcal{M} \vdash t : A$ and $D_2 \triangleright \Delta \Vdash s : \mathcal{M}$.

Then there exists a derivation D' such that $D' \triangleright \Gamma + \Delta \vdash t\{x := s\} : A$ and $\text{sz}(D') = \text{sz}(D_1) - |\mathcal{M}| + \text{sz}(D_2)$.

Proof.

- ▶ Proceed by induction on D_1 .
- ▶ We only show some interesting cases:

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} D_1 \\ \hline D_2 \end{array}}{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \hline \frac{\Delta \vdash s : A}{\Delta \Vdash s : [A]} \text{many} \end{array}} \rightsquigarrow \frac{\vdots}{\Delta \vdash s : A}$$

$$\frac{x : [A] \vdash x : A \text{ var}}{\frac{\vdots}{\Delta \Vdash s : [A]} \text{many}} \rightsquigarrow \frac{\vdots}{\Delta \vdash s : A}$$

$$\frac{y : [A] \vdash y : A \text{ var}}{\frac{\text{(no premises)}}{\Vdash s : []} \text{many}} \rightsquigarrow \frac{\vdots}{y : [A] \vdash y : A \text{ var}}$$

System \mathcal{H}

Gardner (1994), de Carvalho (2007)

The most interesting part is the substitution lemma on the many rule:

$$D_1 = \frac{\frac{D_{1,1}}{\Gamma_1, x : \mathcal{M}_1 \vdash t : A_1} \quad \dots \quad \frac{D_{1,n}}{(\Gamma_n, x : \mathcal{M}_n \vdash t : A_n)}}{(\Gamma_1 + \dots + \Gamma_n), x : (\mathcal{M}_1 + \dots + \mathcal{M}_n) \vdash t : [A_1, \dots, A_n]} \text{many}$$

$$D_2 = \frac{\vdots}{\Delta \Vdash s : (+_{i \in I} \mathcal{M}_i)} \text{many}$$

Then there exist contexts $\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_n$ and derivations $D_{2,1}, \dots, D_{2,n}$ s.t.:

$$\frac{D_{2,1}}{\Delta_1 \Vdash s : \mathcal{M}_1} \text{many} \quad \dots \quad \frac{D_{2,n}}{\Delta_n \Vdash s : \mathcal{M}_n} \text{many}$$

where $\Delta = +_{i=1}^n \Delta_i$ and $\text{sz}(D_2) = +_{i=1}^n \text{sz}(D_{2,i})$.

Applying the IH on each pair $D_{1,i} / D_{2,i}$ to obtain $D_{3,i}$, we conclude:

$$D_3 = \frac{\frac{D_{3,1}}{\Gamma_1 + \Delta_1 \vdash t\{x := s\} : A_1} \quad \dots \quad \frac{D_{3,n}}{\Gamma_n + \Delta_n \vdash t\{x := s\} : A_n}}{(\Gamma_1 + \dots + \Gamma_n) + (\Delta_1 + \dots + \Delta_n) \vdash t\{x := s\} : [A_1, \dots, A_n]} \text{many}$$

Lemma 2 (Subject Expansion)

If $t \rightarrow_h s$ is a head step and $\Gamma \vdash s : A$ then $\Gamma \vdash t : A$.

Proof. Similar to the proof of Subject Reduction.

Relies on an Anti-Substitution Lemma.

Lemma 2' (Anti-Substitution Lemma)

If $\Gamma \vdash t\{x := s\} : A$, there exist $\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \mathcal{M}$ such that:

- ▶ $\Gamma_1, x : \mathcal{M} \vdash t : A$
- ▶ $\Gamma_2 \Vdash s : \mathcal{M}$
- ▶ $\Gamma = \Gamma_1 + \Gamma_2$

Lemma 3 (Typability of head normal forms)

If t is a head normal form, then t is typable.

Proof. Since t is a head normal form, it is of the form:

$$t = \lambda x_1 \dots x_n. y t_1 \dots t_m$$

Let $A = \underbrace{[] \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow []}_{m \text{ times}} \rightarrow \alpha$.

Regardless of the shapes of t_1, \dots, t_m :

$$y : [A] \vdash y t_1 \dots t_m : \alpha$$

We consider two cases:

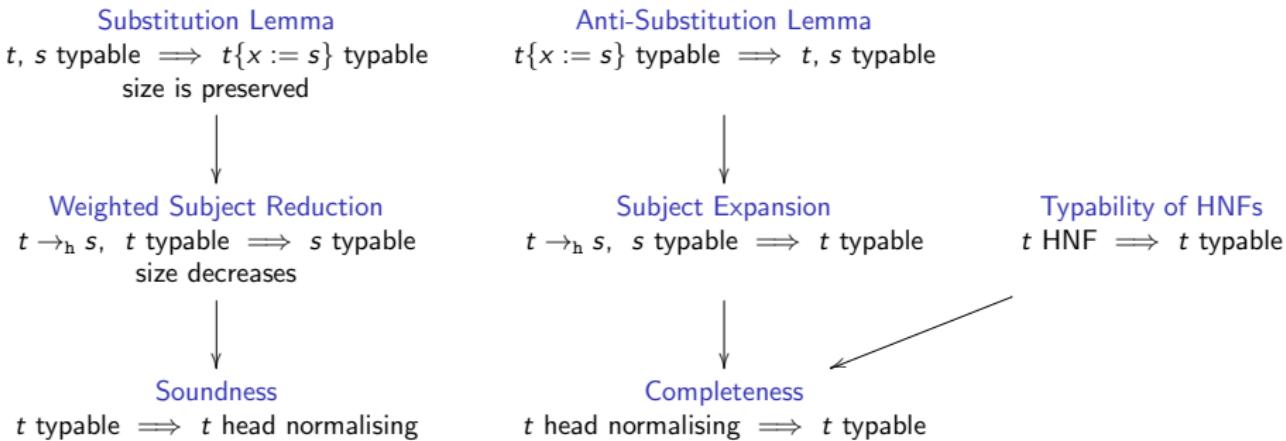
1. If $y \notin \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$, then:

$$y : [A] \vdash \lambda x_1 \dots x_n. y t_1 \dots t_m : \underbrace{[] \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow []}_{n \text{ times}} \rightarrow \alpha$$

2. If $y = x_i$ for some $1 \leq i \leq n$, then:

$$\vdash \lambda x_1 \dots x_n. x_i t_1 \dots t_m : \underbrace{[] \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow []}_{i-1 \text{ times}} \rightarrow [A] \rightarrow \underbrace{[] \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow []}_{n-i \text{ times}} \rightarrow \alpha$$

Summary of proof technique



The same techniques are extended to other systems:

Cf. Mazza, Pellissier & Vial (POPL'18)

typable in System \mathcal{H}	\rightsquigarrow	typable in System X
head normalising	\rightsquigarrow	\rightarrow_X normalising
head normal form	\rightsquigarrow	\rightarrow_X normal form

⋮

Head normalisation

Remark

Subject reduction and expansion hold for arbitrary reduction steps.

Let $t \rightarrow_{\beta} s$. Then $\Gamma \vdash t : A$ if and only if $\Gamma \vdash s : A$.

(Only slightly revising the proofs).

Corollary (Head normalisation)

If $t \rightarrow_{\beta}^* s \in \text{HNF}$ then there exists $s' \in \text{HNF}$ such that $t \rightarrow_h^* s'$.

Remark

Weighted subject reduction does not hold for arbitrary reduction steps.

Subject reduction may yield a derivation of the same size when the reduction occurs in an **untyped** subterm:

$$\frac{x : [] \rightarrow A \vdash x : [] \rightarrow A}{x : [] \rightarrow A \vdash x \textcolor{magenta}{t} : A} \text{ var app} \rightsquigarrow \frac{x : [] \rightarrow A \vdash x : [] \rightarrow A}{x : [] \rightarrow A \vdash x \textcolor{magenta}{s} : A} \text{ var app}$$

Quantitative upper bounds

The Weighted Subject Reduction lemma ensures that the size of the typing derivation decreases after each head reduction step.

Theorem (Upper bounds for reduction lengths)

Let $D \triangleright \Gamma \vdash t : A$ in System \mathcal{H} and let $t \rightarrow_h^* s \in \text{HNF}$.

Then the number of steps in the reduction is at most $\text{sz}(D)$.